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15-16 JAN 75

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE NIAG MET AT NATO HQ 15-16 JAN 75. NIAG REVIEWED ACTIVITIES OF SUB-GROUPS AND NOTED PROGRESS IN ALL ACTIVE GROUPS. US ANNOUNCED ITS DECISIONS TO DROP FROM PARTICIPATION IN SG-7, MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ARRAY RADARS, BUT TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN SG-8, ANTI-SHIP MISSILES. BUDGET FOR 1975 PREVAILS AT 1974 LEVEL OF 15.3 MILLION BF, CASH OUTLAY. ACTION REQUESTED. MISSION NOTES THAT NIAG HAS REQUESTED US TO RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO DROP FROM SG-7. REQUEST GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. NATO INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY GROUP (NIAG) MET AT NATO HQ IN
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BRUSSELS IN PLANNING COMMITTEE AND PLENARY SESSIONS, 15-16
JAN 75.

2. AT THE PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING THE SENIOR US DELEGATE

(JOBE-GOODYEAR AEROSPACE) ANNOUNCED THAT THE US WOULD WITHDRAW FROM PARTICIPATION IN NIAG SUB-GROUP 7 (MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ARRAY RADARS). THE NIAG CHAIRMAN (LACY-UK-BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORP.) ACCEPTED WITH REGRET ON BEHALF OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE THE US ANNOUNCEMENT. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SG-7 WAS DEFERRED UNTIL THE PLENARY SESSION ON FOLLOWING DAY. THE PLANNING COMMITTEE THEN

DISCUSSED IN DEPTH THE REPORT OF THE NIAG AD HOC GROUP ON AIR DEFENSE (REF A), THE SUBJECT OF PREVIOUS INTENSIVE NIAG DISCUSSION, AND TOUCHED LIGHTLY ON REMAINING AGENDA ITEMS.

3. DISCUSSIONS OF THE PLENARY SESSION OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THE US ARE REPORTED PER AGENDA (REF B), TRANSMITTED TO WASHINGTON IN USNATO 7099.

A. ITEM III. POSSIBLE INDUSTRIAL APPROACH TO AIR DEFENSE IN NATO. FOLLOWING A PROTRACTED DISCUSSION IN FULL SESSION, THE GROUP AGREED TO ACCEPT THE PLAN PROPOSED BY THE AD HOC GROUP CHAIRMAN (WILLEKENS-BELGIUM-SABCA) IN REF A. THE WORKING PAPER PROPOSES A COST ANALYSIS OF SHORT RANGE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS (SHORADS) WITH WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY EUROPEAN COMPANIES WITH DIRECT EXPERIENCE IN DEVELOPMENT OF SHORADS. THESE COMPANIES ARE THOMSON-CSF OF FRANCE, EUROMISSILE OF FRANCE AND FRG, SELENIA OF ITALY, AND BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORPORATION (BAC) OF THE UK. DESPITE FRENCH GRUMBLING, THE COMPANIES WILL PERFORM THE THE WORK AT NO COST TO NIAG. OBJECT OF THE ANALYSIS WILL BE TO PROVIDE A FACTUAL BASIS FOR COMPARISON OF PROJECTED EXPENDITURE FOR A COMMON SYSTEM FOR NATO AND THE EXPENDITURE ASSOCIATED WITH DEVELOPMENT, PRODUCTION, AND DEPLOYMENT OF SEPARATE NATIONAL PROGRAMS OR SYSTEMS. TARGET DATE FOR COMPLETION IS 30 SEP 75.

B. ITEM IV. NIAG SG-5 (ACQUISITION AND IDENTIFICATION OF MARITIME SURFACE TARGETS WITHOUT USE OF RADAR). SG-5 HAS CONCLUDED THAT TECHNOLOGY TODAY DOES NOT PERMIT ATTAINMENT OF 100 PERCENT OPERATIONAL USEFULNESS OF THERMAL IMAGING OR LOW LIGHT LEVEL TELEVISION (LLTV) IN ALL NATO WATERS. THE NORTH ATLANTIC LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POSES SPECIAL PROBLEMS. THE MEDITERRANEAN POSES A SOMEWHAT EASIER ENVIRONMENT. THE SG WILL CONTINUE ITS EFFORT. CHAIRMAN (LANE -UK) CITED US GENERAL ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR CONTRIBUTION OF EXTENSIVE COMPUTER EFFORT.

C. ITEM V. NIAG SG-6 (COMPATIBILITY OF NAVAL DATA HANDLING EQUIPMENT). AS NOTED BY THE CONFERENCE OF NATIONAL ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS (CNAD) AT ITS MEETING OF OCT 74 (REF C), NIAG SG-6 HAS DONE A COMMENDABLE JOB OF IDENTIFYING SPECIFIC INTERFACE AREAS WHERE NATO CAN MAKE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING COMPATIBILITY OF NAVAL DATA HANDLING EQUIPMENT. THE SG WILL CONTINUE TO WORK CLOSELY WITH THE NAVAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE GROUP (IEG) 5 ON DATA

HANDLING.

D. ITEM VI. NIAG SG-7 (MULTI-FUNCTIONAL ARRAY RADARS).

BACKGROUND: FOLLOWING NIAG MEETING OF JUN 74, MISSION RECOMMENDED THAT THE US CONTINUE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN SG-7, AT LEAST THROUGH THE FIRST STAGE OF TECHNICAL AND CONFIGURATION STUDIES (REF D). WASHINGTON CONCURRED (REF C) WITH MISSION COMMENT. SINCE THAT DATE, HOWEVER, US INDUSTRIALISTS HAVE NOT PARTICIPATED ACTIVELY IN SG-7 ACTIVITIES. US NADREP (COL LYNCH) HAS PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVER ON A PERIODIC BASIS AND AT MEETING OF 3-4 DEC 74 NOTIFIED THE SG THAT THE US WAS REVIEWING THE MATTER OF CONTINUED US PARTICIPATION. DURING NIAG-NADREP DISCUSSION ON 15 JAN 75, IT BECAME APPARENT THAT CONTINUED PARTICIPATION BY THE US ON A LESS THAN WHOLE-HEARTED BASIS WOULD BE A MISTAKE. END BACKGROUND.

NIAG HEARD FULL REPORT OF ACTING SG CHAIRMAN (RADFORD-UK, MARCONI RESEARCH), WHICH INCLUDED COMMENT THAT US INDUSTRY, FOLLOWING INITIAL HELPFUL CONTRIBUTION, HAD NOT ATTENDED RECENT MEETINGS, AND SG CHAIRMAN REQUESTED CLARIFICATION OF US POSITION. NIAG CHAIRMAN INFORMED THE GROUP OF THE US DECISION TO DROP FROM PARTICIPATION AND STATED HIS REGRETS. SG CHAIRMAN REQUESTED US RECONSIDER ITS DECISION. US NIAG DELEGATE ACCEPTED THE APPEAL FOR CONSIDERATION. REQUEST GUIDANCE.

E. AD HOC GROUP (NOW DESIGNATED SG-8) ON SECOND GENERATION ANTI-SHIP MISSILES. ON A SOMEWHAT BRIGHTER NOTE, SG-8 IS OFF TO A GOOD START. THE US IS PLANNING TO PARTICIPATE. THE SG HAS ESTIMATED 3,000 MAN-DAYS OF EFFORT FOR ITS SIX MONTHS STUDY PROGRAM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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BUT AGREED THAT THE NATO BUDGET SHARE OF THAT EFFORT COULD BE REDUCED TO 1600 MAN-DAYS OR 8 MILLION BF.

F. NIAG BUDGET FOR 1975 AND FORECAST FOR 1976 AND 1977. NIAG BUDGET FORECAST IS HOLDING STEADY ON CASE OUTLAYS FOR 1975 (15.3 MILLION BF-SAME AS 1974). CONTRACT AUTHORITY IS PROPOSED AT 45 MILLION BF WITH THE PLAN TO CONVERT TO CASE EITHER 27 MILLION OR 33 MILLION BF IN 1976 AND 12 MILLION IN 1977 (BASED ONLY ON STUDIES NOW DEFINED).

4. DATE AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING. 17-18 JUN 75, NATO HQ, BRUSSELS. BRUCE

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